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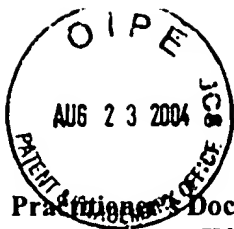
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(37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2))

1. Applicant asserted small entity status on the applications listed on Attachment A, on the dates listed on Attachment A, by payment of the basic filing fee as a small entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(3)).
2. Applicant hereby notifies the Office, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), that it no longer has status as a small entity.

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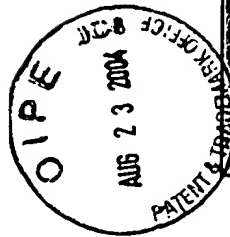
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Application No.	Filing Date	Status	Issue Date	Patent No.	Attorney/Docket No.	Title	First Named Inventor	Assignment Rec./Frame No. & Recordation Date
09/691279	10/17/2000	Granted	5/13/2003	6562040	5259-00100USD1	Spinal Fixation System	Erik J. Wagner	008359/0658 Recorded 12/1/97
09/093756	6/9/1998	Granted	10/17/2000	6132430	5259-00100USD1	Spinal Fixation System	Erik J. Wagner	008359/0658 Recorded 12/1/97
09/434324	11/4/1999	Filed			5259-00100USD2	Method and Apparatus for Spinal Fixation	Erik J. Wagner	008359/0658 Recorded 12/1/97; 008802/0192 Recorded 12/31/97; 014210/0603 Recorded 6/26/03
08/740123	10/24/1996	Granted	7/9/2002	6416515	5259-00100USD1	Spinal Fixation System	Erik J. Wagner	008359/0658 Recorded 12/1/97
08/942325	10/11/1997	Granted	7/22/2003	6595992	5259-00100USD1	Method and Apparatus for Spinal Fixation	Erik J. Wagner	008802/0192 Recorded 12/31/97
09/026711	2/20/1998	Granted	11/23/1999	5989250	5259-00100USD2	Method and Apparatus for Spinal Fixation	Erik J. Wagner	014210/0603 Recorded 6/26/03
09/605200	6/27/2000	Granted	6/10/2003	6576016	5259-00200USD1	Adjustable Height Fusion Device	Stephen Houchschuler	009603/0209 Recorded 11/23/98; 008756/0146 Recorded 10/14/97
09/153178	9/15/1998	Granted	6/27/2000	6080193	5259-00200USD1	Adjustable Height Fusion Device	Stephen Houchschuler	009603/0209 Recorded 11/23/98
08/847172	5/1/1997	Granted	4/4/2000	6045579	5259-00200USD1	Adjustable Height Fusion Device	Stephen Houchschuler	008756/0146 Recorded 10/14/97
09/046759	3/24/1998	Granted	11/4/2003	6641614	5259-00200USD1	Multi-Adjustable-Height Fusion Cage	Erik J. Wagner	009442/0848 Recorded 8/31/98
09/070116	4/30/1998	Granted	3/16/2004	6706070	5259-00200USD2	Multi-Adjustable-Height Fusion Device	Erik J. Wagner	009422/0983 Recorded 8/24/98
09/211887	12/15/1998	Granted	8/10/1999	5935133	5259-00500USD1	Surgical Cable System and Method	Erik J. Wagner	008985/0594 Recorded 2/9/98
09/211888	12/15/1998	Granted	5/21/2002	6391030	5259-00500USD2	Surgical Cable System and Method	Erik J. Wagner	008985/0594 Recorded 2/9/98
08/919127	8/26/1997	Granted	10/12/1999	5964769	5259-00500USD1	Surgical Cable System and Method	Erik J. Wagner	008985/0594 Recorded 2/9/98
09/085186	5/26/1998	Granted	4/25/2000	6053921	5259-00500USD1	Surgical Cable System and Method	Erik J. Wagner	009351/0189 Recorded 7/21/98 009874/0023 Recorded 4/2/99
09/360062	7/23/1999	Granted	1/27/2004	6682533	5259-00500USD2	Surgical Cable System and Method	Erik J. Wagner	010396/0094 Recorded 11/22/99

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10/036012	12/26/2001	Filed			5259-00600USC1	System and Method for Stabilizing the Human Spine with a Bone Plate	Erik J. Wagner	009450/0947 Recorded 9/11/98
09/089027	6/2/1998	Granted	9/24/2002	6454769	5259-00600USP1	System and Method for Stabilizing the Human Spine with a Bone Plate	Erik J. Wagner	009450/0947 Recorded 9/11/98
09/095290	6/10/1998	Granted	2/29/2000	6030389	5259-00600USP2	System and Method for Stabilizing the Human Spine with a Bone Plate	Erik J. Wagner	009450/0959 Recorded 9/11/98
08/896281	7/16/1997	Granted	7/27/1999	5928243	5259-00700USO1	Pedicle Probe and Depth Gage	Richard D. Guyer	008932/0159 Recorded 1/30/98
08/265005	6/23/1994	Granted	4/16/1996	5507211	5259-01000USO1	Releasable Socket	Erik J. Wagner	
09/159303	9/23/1998	Granted	11/14/2000	6146382	5259-01200USO1	Occipito-Cervical Stabilization System and Method	John R. Hurlbert	0096667/0352 Recorded 12/23/98
09/070323	4/30/1998	Granted	8/8/2000	6099527	5259-01300USO1	Bone Protector and Method	Stephen Houchschuler	009650/0211 Recorded 11/9/98
09/059162	4/13/1998	Granted	5/16/2000	6063089	5259-02100USC1	Side Mounted Polyaxial Pedicle Screw	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98
08/772407	12/23/1996	Granted	7/7/1998	5776135	5259-02100USO1	Side Mounted Polyaxial Pedicle Screw	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98
09/059108	4/13/1998	Granted	10/31/2000	6139548	5259-02200USC1	Sliding Shaft Variable Length Cross-Link Device for Use with Dual Rod Apparatus	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98
08/549977	10/30/1995	Granted	5/19/1998	5752955	5259-02200USO1	Sliding Shaft Variable Length Cross-Link Device for Use with Dual Rod Apparatus	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98
09/070234	4/30/1998	Granted	10/5/1999	5961518	5259-02300USC1	Polyaxial Pedicle Screw Having a Through Bar Clamp Locking Mechanism	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98

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09/261977	3/4/1999	Granted	1/25/2000	6017344	5259-02300USD1	Polyaxial Pedicle Screw Having a Through Bar Clamp Locking Mechanism	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98
08/856773	5/15/1997	Granted	7/28/1998	5785711	5259-02300USO1	Polyaxial Pedicle Screw Having a Through Bar Clamp Locking Mechanism	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98
08/880810	6/23/1997	Granted	9/22/1998	5810819	5259-02300USP1	Polyaxial Pedicle Screw Having a Compression Locking Rod Gripping Mechanism	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98
09/070268	4/30/1998	Granted	12/7/1999	5997539	5259-02300USP2	Polyaxial Pedicle Screw Having a Compression Locking Rod Gripping Mechanism	Joseph P. Errico	009275/0021 Recorded 6/30/98
08/622891	3/29/1996	Granted	8/5/1997	5653763	5259-02500USO1	Intervertebral Space Shape Conforming Cage Device	Joseph P. Errico	009490/0692 Recorded 10/15/98
08/567144	12/4/1995	Granted	9/16/1997	5667507	5259-02600USO1	Compression Locking Variable Length Cross-Link Device for Use with Dual Rod Apparatus	James P. Errico	9490/0692 Recorded 10/5/98
08/632561	4/15/1996	Granted	1/20/1998	5709684	5259-02600USP1	Advanced Compression Locking Variable Length Cross-Link Device	Joseph P. Errico	9490/0692 Recorded 10/5/98
09/229297	1/13/1999	Granted	9/26/2000	6123707	5259-03000USO1	Reduction Instrument	Erik J. Wagner	009840/0875 Recorded 3/2/99
09/298269	4/23/1999	Granted	9/3/2002	6442814	5259-03100USO1	Apparatus for Manufacturing a Bone Dowel	Erik J. Wagner	010085/0138 Recorded 7/12/99
09/369964	8/6/1999	Granted	5/6/2003	6557226	5259-03100USP1	Apparatus for Manufacturing a Bone Dowel	Erik J. Wagner	010347/0747 Recorded 10/29/99
09/532387	3/22/2000	Granted	5/20/2003	6565566	5259-03600USO1	Sacral Screw Assembly and Method	Erik J. Wagner	011073/0752 Recorded 9/13/00

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10/015206	11/19/2001	Filed			5259-03700USC1	System and Method for Stabilizing the Human Spine with a Bone Plate	Jim Freid	010732/0443 Recorded 4/20/00
09/479458	1/6/2000	Granted	12/18/2001	6331179	5259-03700USO1	System and Method for Stabilizing the Human Spine with a Bone Plate	Jim Freid	010732/0443 Recorded 4/20/00
09/961758	9/24/2001	Granted	9/9/2003	6616671	5259-04000USC1	Instrument and Method for Implanting an Interbody Fusion Device	Michael E. Landry	010765/0303 Recorded 5/5/00
09/478923	1/6/2000	Granted	9/10/2002	6447512	5259-04000USO1	Instrument and Method for Implanting an Interbody Fusion Device	Michael E. Landry	010765/0303 Recorded 5/5/00
09/755183	7/5/2001	Granted	2/25/2003	6524312	5259-04000USP1	Instrument and Method for Implanting an Interbody Fusion Device	Michael E. Landry	012032/0293 Recorded 7/31/01 013006/0228 Recorded 5/23/02
10/387329	3/11/2003	Filed			5259-04500USO1	Instrumentation and Procedure for Implanting Spinal Implant Devices	Michael E. Landry	014380/0261 Recorded 8/11/03
10/387363	3/11/2003	Filed			5259-04500USO2	Instrumentation and Procedure for Implanting Spinal Implant Devices	Michael E. Landry	014403/0794 Recorded 8/13/03
10/387361	3/11/2003	Filed			5259-04500USO3	Sinal Implant Including a Compressible Connector	Michael E. Landry	014383/0746 Recorded 8/11/03
09/952209	9/12/2001	Granted	6/8/2004	6746449	5259-04600USO1	Spinal Rod Translation Instrument	Robert J. Jones	012557/0740 Recorded 1/30/02
09/684628	10/6/2000	Filed			5259-04700USO1	Transverse Connector with Cam Activated Engagers	Grady G. McBride	011515/0894 Recorded 2/12/01
09/684218	10/6/2000	Filed			5259-04800USO1	Adjustable Transverse Connector	Grady G. McBride	011518/0637 Recorded 2/12/01
09/680756	10/6/2000	Filed			5259-04900USO1	Adjustable Transverse Connector with Cam Activated Engagers	Grady G. McBride	011593/0900 Recorded 3/15/01
10/337219	1/6/2003	Filed			5259-07800USO1	Surgical Implants for Use as Spinal Spacers	David J. Krueger	014157/0620 Recorded 6/6/03

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10/200024	7/19/2002	Filed			5259-07900USO1	Spinal Stabilization System and Method	Margaret E. Mitchell	013449/0035 Recorded 10/29/02
10/291245	11/8/2002	Filed			5259-08300USO1	Spinal Implant	Javier Garcia-Bengchoa	013796/0202 Recorded 2/24/03
10/291223	11/8/2002	Filed			5259-08300USO2	Instruments and Methods for Inserting a Spinal Implant	Javier Garcia-Bengchoa	013786/0320 Recorded 2/21/03
10/356391	1/31/2003	Filed			5259-09200USO1	Spinal Plate Extender System and Method	Jim Freid	014181/0907 Recorded 6/16/03
10/351283	1/23/2003	Filed			5259-09900USO1	Spinal Plate System for Stabilizing a Portion of a Spine	Jim Freid	014397/0674 Recorded 8/14/03
10/351288	1/24/2003	Filed			5259-09900USO2	Spinal Plate System for Stabilizing a Portion of a Spine	Jim Freid	014302/0118 Recorded 7/15/03
29/155057	2/1/2002	Filed			5259-10000USO1	Extension Plate	Jim Freid	012823/0549 Recorded 4/22/02
10/035052	12/28/2001	Granted	5/18/2004	6736850	5259-12300USO1	Pseudo Arthroisis Device	Reginald J. Davis	
10/331191	12/27/2002	Filed			5259-12300USP1	Pseudo Arthroisis Device	Reginald J. Davis	014164/0207 Recorded 6/12/03